

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKIN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER
DISASTER SITE LITIGATION

JAMES VERNICEK

Plaintiffs,

- against -

A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,

SEE ATTACHED RIDER,

Defendants.

21 MC 100 (AKH)**DOCKET NO.****CHECK-OFF ("SHORT FORM")
COMPLAINT
RELATED TO THE
MASTER COMPLAINT****PLAINTIFF(S) DEMAND A TRIAL BY
JURY**

By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master Complaints for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaint are applicable to and are adopted by the instant Plaintiff(s) as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual Plaintiff(s), which are listed below. These are marked with an "✓" if applicable to the instant Plaintiff(s), and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below.

Plaintiffs, JAMES VERNICEK, by his/her/their attorneys WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP, complaining of Defendant(s), respectfully allege:

I. PARTIES**A. PLAINTIFF(S)**

1. Plaintiff, JAMES VERNICEK (hereinafter the "Injured Plaintiff"), is an individual and a citizen of New York residing at 1474 E 26th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210-.

(OR)

2. Alternatively, _____ is the _____ of Decedent _____, and brings this claim in his (her) capacity as _____ of the Estate of _____.

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3. Plaintiff, _____ (hereinafter the "Derivative Plaintiff"), is a citizen of _____ residing at _____, and has the following relationship to the Injured Plaintiff:

SPOUSE at all relevant times herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff _____, and brings this derivative action for her (his) loss due to the injuries sustained by her husband (his wife), Plaintiff _____.

Parent Child Other: _____

4. In the period from 9/22/2001 to 4/19/2002 the Injured Plaintiff worked for NYS Police Department as a Body part identification at:

Please be as specific as possible when filling in the following dates and locations

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The World Trade Center Site
Location(s) (i.e., building, quadrant, etc.) _____

From on or about _____ until _____;
Approximately _____ hours per day; for
Approximately _____ days total.

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The New York City Medical Examiner's Office
From on or about 9/22/2001 until 4/19/2002,
Approximately 12 hours per day; for
Approximately 23 days total.

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The Fresh Kills Landfill
From on or about _____ until _____;
Approximately _____ hours per day; for
Approximately _____ days total.

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The Barge
From on or about _____ until _____;
Approximately _____ hours per day; for
Approximately _____ days total.

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Other:* For injured plaintiffs who worked at Non-WTC Site building or location. The injured plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the total days, and for the employer, as specified below:

From on or about _____ until _____;
Approximately _____ hours per day; for
Approximately _____ days total;
Name and Address of Non-WTC Site
Building/Worksite: _____

*Continue this information on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify "Other" locations, please annex a separate sheet of paper with the information.

5. Injured Plaintiff

Was exposed to and breathed noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated above;

Was exposed to and inhaled or ingested toxic substances and particulates on all dates at the site(s) indicated above;

Was exposed to and absorbed or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates at the site(s) indicated above;

Other: Not yet determined.

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6. Injured Plaintiff

- Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to §405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim.

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B. DEFENDANT(S)

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

 THE CITY OF NEW YORK

A Notice of Claim was timely filed and served on 3/14/07 and
 pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-h the CITY held a hearing on _____ (OR)
 The City has yet to hold a hearing as required by General Municipal Law §50-h
 More than thirty days have passed and the City has not adjusted the claim
(OR)
 An Order to Show Cause application to
 deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim *Nunc Pro Tunc* (for leave to file a late Notice of Claim *Nunc Pro Tunc*) has been filed and a determination
 is pending
 Granting petition was made on _____
 Denying petition was made on _____

 PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]

A Notice of Claim was filed and served pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York on 3/14/07
 More than sixty days have elapsed since the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)
 the PORT AUTHORITY has adjusted this claim
 the PORT AUTHORITY has not adjusted this claim.

1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
 5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.

A RUSSO WRECKING
 ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
 ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
 AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.
 AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
 ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED HAULING, LLC, INC.
 ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
 BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
 BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 BECHTEL CORPORATION
 BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
 BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS, INC.
 BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION CORP
 BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
 BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
 BREEZE CARTING CORP
 BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
 BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
 BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.
 C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
 CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
 CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.
 CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
 CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
 DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
 DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
 DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
 DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
 D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORP
 EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
 EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC.
 EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC.
 EJ DAVIES, INC.
 EN-TECH CORP
 ET ENVIRONMENTAL
 EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL

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EVERGREEN RECYCLING OF CORONA
 EWELL W. FINLEY, P.C.
 EXECUTIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C.
 F&G MECHANICAL, INC.
 FLEET TRUCKING, INC.
 FRANCIS A. LEE COMPANY, A CORPORATION
 FTI TRUCKING
 GILSANZ MURRAY STEFICEK, LLP
 GOLDSTEIN ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, PLLC
 HALLEN WELDING SERVICE, INC.
 H.P. ENVIRONMENTAL
 HUDSON MERIDIAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC F/K/A MERIDIAN CONSTRUCTION CORP.
 KOCH SKANSKA INC.
 LAQUILA CONSTRUCTION INC
 LASTRADA GENERAL CONTRACTING CORP
 LESLIE E. ROBERTSON ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEER P.C.
 LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP
 LOCKWOOD KESSLER & BARTLETT, INC.
 LUCIUS PITKIN, INC
 LZA TECH-DIV OF THORTON TOMASETTI
 MANAFORT BROTHERS, INC.
 MAZZOCCHI WRECKING, INC.
 MORETRENCH AMERICAN CORP.
 MRA ENGINEERING P.C.
 MUESER RUTLEDGE CONSULTING ENGINEERS
 NACIREMA INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED
 NEW YORK CRANE & EQUIPMENT CORP.
 NICHOLSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
 PETER SCALAMANDRE & SONS, INC.
 PHILLIPS AND JORDAN, INC.
 PINNACLE ENVIRONMENTAL CORP
 PLAZA CONSTRUCTION CORP.
 PRO SAFETY SERVICES, LLC
 PT & L CONTRACTING CORP
 REGIONAL SCAFFOLD & HOISTING CO, INC.
 ROBER SILMAN ASSOCIATES
 ROBERT L GEROSA, INC
 RODAR ENTERPRISES, INC.
 ROYAL GM INC.
 SAB TRUCKING INC.
 SAFEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CORP
 SEASONS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTING

SEMCOR EQUIPMENT & MANUFACTURING CORP.
 SILVERITE CONTRACTING CORPORATION
 SILVERSTEIN PROPERTIES
 SILVERSTEIN PROPERTIES, INC.
 SILVERSTEIN WTC FACILITY MANAGER, LLC
 SILVERSTEIN WTC, LLC
 SILVERSTEIN WTC MANAGEMENT CO., LLC
 SILVERSTEIN WTC PROPERTIES, LLC
 SILVERSTEIN DEVELOPMENT CORP.
 SILVERSTEIN WTC PROPERTIES LLC
 SIMPSON GUMPERTZ & HEGER INC
 SKIDMORE OWINGS & MERRILL LLP
 SURVIAIR
 TAYLOR RECYCLING FACILITY LLC
 TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION,
 TISHMAN SPEYER PROPERTIES,
 TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF MANHATTAN
 TISHMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF NEW YORK
 THORNTON-TOMASETTI GROUP, INC.
 TORRETTA TRUCKING, INC
 TOTAL SAFETY CONSULTING, L.L.C
 TUCCI EQUIPMENT RENTAL CORP
 TULLY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
 TULLY ENVIRONMENTAL INC.
 TULLY INDUSTRIES, INC.
 TURNER CONSTRUCTION CO.
 TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
 ULTIMATE DEMOLITIONS/CS HAULING
 VERIZON NEW YORK INC,
 VOLLMER ASSOCIATES LLP
 W HARRIS & SONS INC
 WEEKS MARINE, INC.
 WEIDLINGER ASSOCIATES, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.
 WHITNEY CONTRACTING INC.
 WOLKOW-BRAKER ROOFING CORP
 WORLD TRADE CENTER PROPERTIES, LLC
 WSP CANTOR SEINUK GROUP
 YANNUZZI & SONS INC
 YONKERS CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC.
 YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC
 ZIEGENFUSS DRILLING, INC.
 OTHER: _____

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Non-WTC Site Building Owner

Name: _____

Business/Service Address: _____

Building/Worksite Address: _____

Non-WTC Site Lessee

Name: _____

Business/Service Address: _____

Building/Worksite Address: _____

Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent

Name: _____

Business/Service Address: _____

Building/Worksite Address: _____

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II. JURISDICTION

The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically; Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001, (or); Federal Officers Jurisdiction, (or); Other (specify): _____; Contested, but the Court has already determined that it has removal jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.

III CAUSES OF ACTION

Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness of Mask Provided; <input type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify: _____); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(specify): <u>Not yet determined.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wrongful Death
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

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IV CAUSATION, INJURY AND DAMAGE

1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer Injury: <u>N/A</u> Date of onset: _____ Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cardiovascular Injury: <u>N/A</u> Date of onset: _____ Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respiratory Injury: <u>N/A</u> Date of onset: _____ Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: <u>10/4/2004</u> Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: <u>To be supplied at a later date</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digestive Injury: <u>N/A</u> Date of onset: _____ Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Injury: <u>Sleep Problems</u> Date of onset: <u>10/4/2004</u> Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: <u>To be supplied at a later date</u>

NOTE: The foregoing is NOT an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.

2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1 ", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

- Pain and suffering
- Loss of the enjoyment of life
- Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity
- Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits
- Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation
- Other:
 - Mental anguish
 - Disability
 - Medical monitoring
 - Other: Not yet determined.

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3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

Plaintiff(s) demands that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.

Dated: New York, New York

April 26, 2007

Yours, etc.,

Worby, Groner Edelman & Napoli Bern, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff(s), James Vernicek

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action. That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the file.

*DATED: New York, New York
April 26, 2007*



CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

Docket No:

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SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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To
Attorney(s) for

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Service of a copy of the within
is hereby admitted.

Dated,

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Attorney(s) for _____

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NOTICE OF ENTRY
that the within is a (certified) true copy of an
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that an order _____ of which the within is a true copy
will be presented for settlement to the HON. _____ one of the
judges of the _____
within named Court, at _____
on 20 _____ at _____ M.
Dated,

Yours, etc.,
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